



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Akihiko CHIBA et al.

Attorney Docket Number: 108421-00075

Serial Number: 10/612,039

Group Art Unit: 1742

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Examiner: Michael P. Alexander

For: PRECIPITATION HARDENED Co-Ni BASED HEAT-RESISTANT ALLOY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 11, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2005, the Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a precipitation hardened Co-Ni based heat-resistant alloy. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 and 2 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 108421-00075.

Respectfully submitted,

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